

**REMARKS**

**I. THE REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION**

The Office requires restriction of the claims to one of the following inventions:

Group I, claims 1-9, drawn to a method of preparing a particle composition; and

Group II, claims 10-17, drawn to a particle composition.

In response, Applicants elect Group II, with traverse. Applicants respectfully submit that a search and examination of the claims in Groups I and II would not place an undue burden on the Office. MPEP 803. In addition, Applicants request rejoinder of Groups I and II in light of the amendment of claim 1 herein to depend from claim 10.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement for restriction are respectfully requested.

**II. CONCLUSION**

Early consideration and prompt allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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